

*****OUTREACH NOTICE*****

U.S. Forest Service, Gila National Forest
Fire and Aviation Management
GS-2101-11 Forest Aviation Officer
Silver City, New Mexico

The Gila National Forest's will soon be filling a permanent, full-time GS-2101-11 Forest Aviation Officer (FAO) position located in Silver City, NM. This is an exciting opportunity and will provide the applicant with a challenging and rewarding experience working as part of one of the largest fire management programs in the nation. If you are interested in the permanent position reply by April 30, 2014.

We are also seeking a candidate for a Detail/NTE-120 Temporary Promotion in the same position. Please specify if you are interested in applying for the Detail/Temp Promotion in your response. **If you are interested in the detail/NTE-120 respond by April 10, 2014.**

If you have questions about this position, please feel free to contact Fire & Aviation Staff Officer Gabe Holguin at 575-388-8233, email gholguin@fs.fed.us.

Position Information

This is a Forest level position located on the Gila National Forest where the incumbent serves as an assistant to the Fire & Aviation Staff Officer. The position is supervisory. The Incumbent will supervise the Helicopter Program Manager and the Air Tanker Base Manager.

This position is responsible for the strategic oversight and safety management of all aviation operations on the Gila National Forest. This position provides information and technical direction for all planned and continuing Forest aviation operations.

Maintains close liaison with other aviation managers, Forest Fire Staff Officer, Forest AFMO, Interagency Dispatch Center Manager, and Dispatch Coordinators to exchange information on current aviation operations.

Prepares and provides the Aviation Operations & Safety Plan. Provides leadership in conveying and enforcing established aviation policy, procedures, and safety standards.

Initiates or assists in submitting aircraft incident reports. Implements and or recommends corrective action for aircraft mishaps. Conducts risk assessment analyses of aviation operations. Develops, implements, reviews, and evaluates individual aviation project and safety plans.

Anticipates and recognizes critical situations related to aviation and fire suppression operations by coordinating with Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Military, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), state agencies and other agencies that may operate on, over, or near the Forest.

Sponsors, conducts or recommends aviation training for the Forests. Reviews aviation qualifications and may serve as member of the Forest Qualification Review Committee.

Duty Station

The duty station for this position is the Forest Supervisor's Office located in Silver City, NM in the southwestern part of the state.

Every National Forest offers its own unique beauty. The Gila's beauty is in its diversity of rugged mountains, deep canyons, meadows, and semi-desert country. It is one of the more remote and least developed National Forests in the southwest. Covering 3.3 million acres of publicly owned forest and range land, the Forest is the sixth largest National Forest in the continental United States. Elevations range from 4,200 to 10,900 feet and cover four of the six life zones. Flora and fauna are diverse. Ocotillo and cactus are found in the lower elevations, and juniper, pine, aspen, and spruce-fir forests are plentiful in the high mountains. Wildlife such as the black bear, mountain lion, elk, deer, antelope, bighorn sheep, and wild turkey inhabit the Forest. The bald eagle, peregrine falcon, and the red-tailed hawk are also present.

The Forest boasts a rich history of the Mogollon and Apache Indians, Spaniards, Mexicans, ranchers, prospectors and miners. Apache Chiefs Mangas Coloradas, Geronimo, and Victorio; conservationist, ecologist and author of the Sand County Almanac Aldo Leopold; and renowned lion hunter Ben Lilly are but a few of the personalities from the past that have left their mark in the Gila.

Another unique beauty of the Gila National Forest is its wilderness. The Gila, Aldo Leopold, and Blue Range Wildernesses offer unparalleled hiking and horseback riding. The 558,065-acre Gila Wilderness, created in June 1924 at the urging of the great conservation pioneer Aldo Leopold, was the world's first designated wilderness. The Wilderness areas on the Gila comprise a vast, roadless realm astride the Black, Mogollon, Diablo, and Blue mountain ranges, varying from grassland foothills upward through juniper woodland, ponderosa pine, and then spruce-fir forests on the high peaks. Mountain meadows, aspen glades, and spruce forests border on narrow, rock-walled canyons which in some places plunge to depths of more than a thousand feet.

The San Francisco, Gila, and Mimbres Rivers, the Catwalk, Pueblo Park Campground, Gila Cliff Dwellings, Mogollon Baldy, Castle Rock, Eagle Peak Mountain, Emory Pass, and the Burro Mountains are among the many islands of beauty on the Gila. Other areas of interest include Cooney's Tomb, El Caso Lookout Tower, Beaverhead, Reed's Peak, Frisco Hot Springs and Cherry Creek. More information can be found at www.fs.usda.gov/gila/.

Local Community

The Gila National Forest is headquartered in Silver City, New Mexico. Silver City www.townofsilvercity.org and the surrounding communities of Bayard, Santa Clara, Tyrone and Hurley are located in southwest New Mexico. Main access to Silver City is via Highway 180 north from Interstate 25 at Deming, NM. The elevation is 5,900 feet above sea level. Silver City boasts four gentle seasons. The average annual temperature is 54 degrees. May is the driest month of the year while July is the wettest. The annual average precipitation is 15.69 inches. The population of Silver City is approximately 13,000 and Grant County is about 29,000. Silver City was recently selected as one of the healthiest places to live and retire. It placed in the top 1% of over 3,000 communities our size or larger. Downtown Silver City is undergoing a revitalization effort and features many locally-owned shops and galleries.

The community has two libraries, churches of many denominations, a Regional hospital <http://www.grmc.org/>, several medical clinics, ambulance service, an emergency care clinic, physicians of all specialty areas, dentists, and assisted living and nursing homes. There are two newspapers,

motels, radio stations, city and county offices and local retail businesses. Community recreation facilities include baseball and soccer fields, an all weather track, tennis courts, a skateboard park, health and fitness clubs, an indoor and outdoor swimming pool, an 18-hole golf course, a bowling center and parks. Organized youth sports activities are numerous. Fishing, hunting, hiking, horseback riding, bicycling and camping are also popular activities. Main industries are tourism, mining, and ranching. The nearest commercial airports are in El Paso, TX (3 hours), Tucson, AZ (3 hours) and Albuquerque, NM (4 hours). Grant County airport provides some air services.

Grant County has two public school districts, Silver Consolidated and Cobre Consolidated School Districts. There are several private schools and alternative schools. Western New Mexico University www.wnmu.edu/ offers four-year programs and two year technical programs in such areas as education, nursing, basic arts and sciences and several graduate programs.

Rental homes and apartments range from about \$750.00 and up per month for an average three bedroom home/apartment. Single family home prices vary considerably. Area recreation facilities and attractions include the 3.3 million acre Gila National Forest www.fs.usda.gov/gila/; Gila Cliff Dwellings National Monument; the Catwalk; the Gila, Aldo Leopold, and Blue Range Wilderness areas; Western New Mexico University Museum; Silver City Museum; City of Rocks State Park; and Historic Pinos Altos.

Some of the special annual events include the Wild Wild West Pro Rodeo, Tour of the Gila Bicycle Race, San Vicente Art Fair, Pinos Altos Art Fair, Gila River Festival, Gila Regional Medical Center Benefit Golf Tournament, Red Paint PowWow, Silver City Blues Festival, Christmas Lighted Parade, July 4 Festivities, Weekend at the Galleries, Farmer's Market, Grant County Fair, Gem and Mineral Show, Mimbres Region Arts Council events <http://www.mimbresarts.org/>, Silver City MainStreet Project events <http://www.silvercitymainstreet.com/index.php>, and several theatrical and musical presentations at the University Fine Arts Theatre. Major employers are Freeport McMoRan Copper and Gold, Gila Regional Medical Center, Silver Schools and Bayard Schools, Western New Mexico University, Wal-Mart, Town of Silver City, Grant County, Bayard Schools, State of New Mexico, Gila National Forest, and the many local service, supply and construction businesses.

Contact the Chamber of Commerce at 201 N. Hudson, Silver City, NM 88061, 1-800-548-9378, or their website at <http://www.silvercity.org/> for very detailed information about the community, special events, and the surrounding area. A comprehensive listing of local websites and information can be found at www.gilanet.com/silverweb/.

OUTREACH REPLY

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Please respond by May 10, 2014

NAME: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

AGENCY EMPLOYED WITH: USFS ____ BLM ____ OTHER ____

TYPE OF APPOINTMENT *IF* CURRENT GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE:

____ PERMANENT ____ TEMPORARY ____ TERM

____ VRA ____ PWD ____ OTHER

CURRENT REGION/FOREST/DISTRICT (IF APPLICABLE):

CURRENT SERIES AND GRADE (IF APPLICABLE): _____

CURRENT POSITION TITLE: _____

IF NOT A CURRENT PERMANET (CAREER OR CAREER CONDITIONAL) EMPLOYEE, ARE YOU ELIGIBLE TO BE HIRED UNDER ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL AUTHORITIES?

____ PERSON WITH DISABILITIES

____ VETERANS READJUSTMENT

____ DISABLED VETERANS W/30% COMPENSABLE DISABILITY

____ VETERANS EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES ACT OF 1998

____ FORMER PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER

____ STUDENT CAREER EXPERIENCE PROGRAM

____ OTHER _____

INTERESTED IN BEING CONSIDERED FOR 120 DAY DETAIL / TEMP PROMOTION

____ YES ____ NO

SUBMISSION OF THIS FORM IS VOLUNTARY—THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST!